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City switches EMS gears

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On Oct. 11, the city of Colorado Springs announced that negotiations for the city's five-year emergency ambulance service contract (due to start Jan. 1) ended with Denmark-based Falck Ambulance, and new talks with American Medical Response had begun.

City spokesperson Jamie Fabos said in a statement that Falck Rocky Mountain and the city "mutually agreed" to end talks. Following city procedures, the city is obligated to open negotiations with the next highest ranked offeror, AMR of Greenwood Village.

Falck Rocky Mountain CEO David Patterson said that during negotiations, "the City indicated it wanted a contract with Falck that was considerably different" than what it proposed, which Falck believed would likely be unsustainable.

"[W]e are not willing to make unsustainable commitments," he said.

AMR's Vice President of Operations Scott Lenn says, "We appreciate the opportunity and look forward to sitting down to discuss the EMS system in Colorado Springs."

AMR has served the city for decades.

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